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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 1-17-74, WITHOUT FAIL.

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF HOLTON WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED.

HOLTON, WHO WAS BORN 9-21-23, BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, HAS BEEN GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA SINCE 1970. HIS HOME ADDRESS IS 3125 AVENHAM AVENUE, S.W., ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 1482, FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA.

IT IS NOTED HOLTON REPORTEDLY SERVED IN U.S. NAVAL RESERVE DURING WORLD WAR II. BUREAU FILES INDICATE HIS

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RE: ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON

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SAC RICHMOND SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE HOLTON THAT BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Mr. Abner Linwood Holton, born September 21, 1923, in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, is under consideration for a Presidential appointment which requires a current investigation. It is requested, therefore, that appropriate investigation be conducted and the results forwarded to the Office of Security.

Attached is a biographic data sheet for Mr. Holton. This Office has no additional information concerning him.

Sincerely yours,

G. Marvin Gentile

G. Marvin Gentile
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security

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Biographic Data Sheet

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A. LINWOOD HOLTON

Present Position:	Governor of Virginia
Office Address:	Governor's Office Richmond, Virginia
Born:	September 21, 1923, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Legal Residence:	Roanoke, Virginia
Marital Status:	Married
Family:	Wife: former Virginia Harrison Rogers Children: Virginia Tayloe [redacted] b6 b7C
Home Address:	3125 Avenham Avenue S. W. Roanoke, Virginia
Education:	B.A. 1944, Washington and Lee University LL.B. 1949, Harvard University
Language Ability:	Not stated
Experience:	
Military	United States Naval Reserve, World War II
Non-Government	Founding Partner, firm of Eggleston, Holton, Butler and Glenn (Roanoke, Virginia)
Government 1970 to present	Governor of Virginia
Memberships:	Member Board of Directors, Roanoke Fine Arts Center Member: American, Virginia, Roanoke Bar Associations, Virginia State Bar, Washington and Lee Alumni Association, Omicron Delta Kappa

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 1/10/74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

We have today received a request from the State Department for an investigation of Holton, Governor of Virginia, aged 50, who is being considered for Presidential appointment, position not indicated.

Holton, a Republican, was a member of a Roanoke, Virginia, law firm prior to becoming Governor of Virginia in 1970. His term as Governor expires on January 12, 1974.

No prior investigation of Holton has been conducted by the Bureau.

ACTION: The requested investigation of Holton has been ordered separately to the field, and Bureau files are being checked. You will be advised of any unusual developments. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigation in this case in the absence of Bureau authority.

The SAC, Richmond, has been instructed to contact Holton and advise him that the Bureau has been requested to conduct this investigation.

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Holton Wins Approval of Committee

Associated Press

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved yesterday the nomination of former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton to be assistant secretary of state for congressional relations.

The committee also recommended Senate confirmation of former Rep. Armistead I. Selden Jr. (D-Ala.) to be ambassador to New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa.

John L. Ganley of New Jersey was recommended for confirmation as deputy director of the Action agency, which includes the Peace Corps, to succeed Walter C. Howe, who resigned.

Donald B. Easum of Alexandria, Va., present ambassador to Upper Volta, was approved for appointment as assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

The committee approved the nominations of these career foreign service officers for ambassador appointments:

David B. Bolen, ambassador to Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland; David L. Osborn, Burma; Max V. Krebs, Guayana; Davis E. Boster, Bangladesh; Martin F. Herz, Bulgaria; Thomas R. Pickering, Jordan; Robert E. Fritts, Rwanda; Philip W. Manhard, Mauritiu

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Former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton is expected to be appointed assistant secretary of state for congressional affairs, according to an informed government source.

Holton, 50, who left office Saturday after serving as Virginia's first Republican governor in this century, was being investigated by the FBI last week as a preliminary move to the appointment.

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The appointment would be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The $38,000-a-year assistant secretary's job has been held by W. Marshall Wright, who was recently nominated ambassador to Cyprus. Wright's nomination has not yet been confirmed.

The assistant secretary for congressional relations works closely with the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees on the one hand and the President and Secretary of State on the other.

Before he left the governorship, Holton said his immediate intention was to return to his home in Roanoke, Va.

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Washington, D.C.
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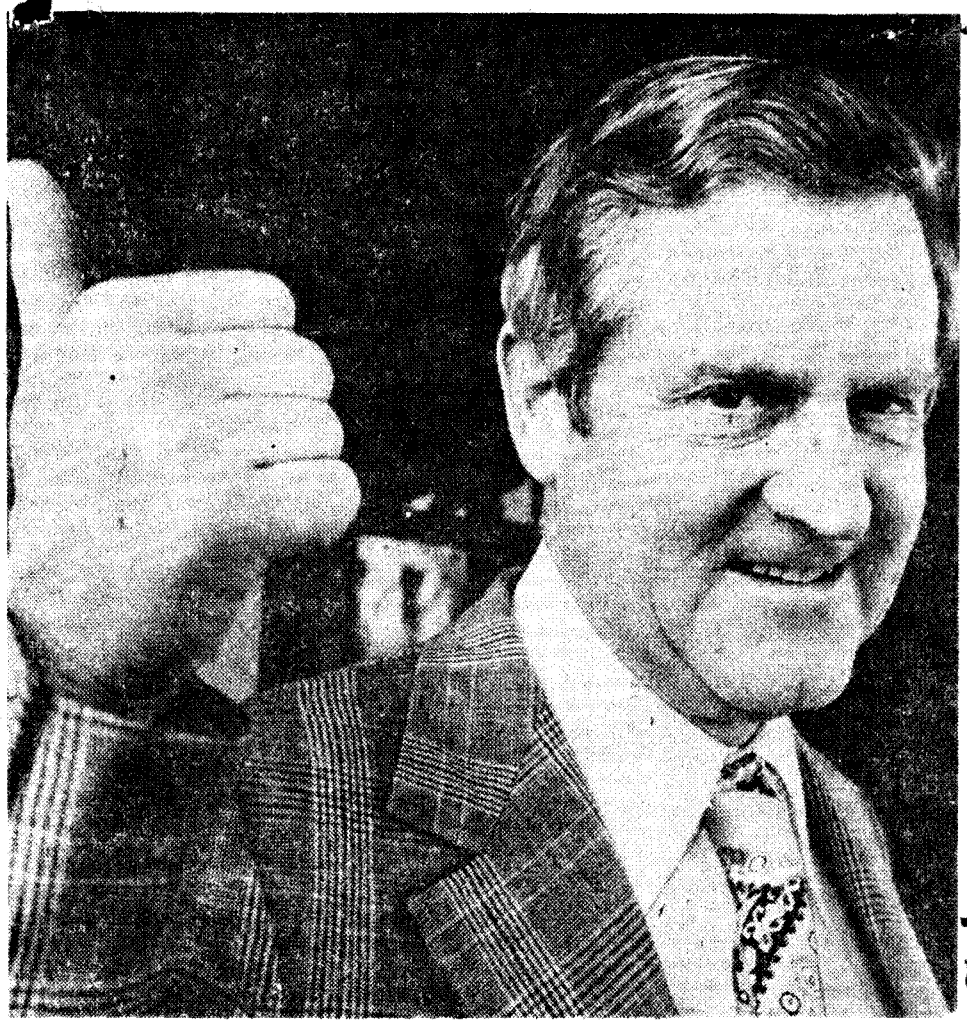

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NOMINATED—Former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton flashes smile here after being nominated by President Nixon to be assistant secretary of state for congres affairs. No difficulty in confirm seen for $38,000-a-year job.

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White House Eyeing Holton for State Department Post

Linwood Holton

Linwood Holton, who left office last week as governor of Virginia, reportedly is being considered by the White House as assistant secretary of State for congressional relations.

Informed sources said it is an open secret in Washington and Richmond that President Nixon intends to give the ex-GOP governor, once a leading Nixon loyalist, a high federal post.

The possibility that Holton may receive the chief congressional lobbying job for the State Department was being discussed today despite an earlier decision by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to nominate career Foreign Service officer Nathaniel Davis for the liaison post.

William E. Timmons, chief White House lobbyist for the Capitol, objected to the nomination of a career diplomat to the post, it has been learned. Timmons may have succeeded in influencing Nixon to withdraw his approval of Kissinger's selection.

That would open the way for Nixon to pay off a political debt by nominating the former governor, who played a key role in the mid-South for Nixon in 1968. More recently, Holton had seemed out of favor with the administtration, because his role in school desegregation appeared to vary from the GOP "Southern Strategy."

Davis, until recently the U.S. ambassador to Chile and before that to Guatemala, was picked by Kissinger to replace Marshall Wright, who is scheduled to become ambassador to Cyprus.

DAVIS currently is director general of the Foreign Service, a much more coveted job among career diplomats.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported in today's editions that Holton will get the congressional liaison nomination, but Holton refused to confirm or deny the report or to discuss his future. In recent interviews, Holton had indicated he probably would not accept a diplomatic post.

The nomination, if it is made, would represent a bureaucratic defeat for Kissinger, who has demonstrated that he likes to pick his own key staffers.

Diplomats here said Davis would no doubt be content to remain as chief administrative officer of the Foreign Service.

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Holton in Line For U.S. Job

The White House confirmed yesterday that former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton, who left office Saturday, is under consideration "for a couple of important positions."

A source close to the governor said it is "most probable" that Holton will take the job of assistant secretary of state for congressional affairs.

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State Department Job Likely For Holton

By Helen Dewar
and Murrey Marder
Washington Post Staff Writers

The White House said yesterday that former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton is "under consideration for a couple of important positions," and other sources confirmed reports he is likely to be named assistant secretary of State for congressional affairs.

A source close to Holton said that the congressional liaison job at State "is the most probable" of all administration positions open to the former governor.

Virginia's independent senior senator, Harry F. Byrd Jr., also issued a statement saying that he had been "contacted by the government" about possible appointment of Holton to the State Department post. Byrd said he "would be glad to support his confirmation" in the Senate.

Appointment of Holton apparently would scramble a series of interlocking shifts of high-level career personnel at the State Department planned by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Before Holton cropped up as the likely appointee to the congressional liaison post, Kissinger had recommended Nathaniel Davis, now director general of the Foreign Service and formerly ambassador to Chile, for the job.

It is reported that the White House raised questions about Davis's lack of congressional experience. Holton also has no congressional experience, but administration officials believe his political and legislative experience as governor would serve him well.

From Holton's point of view, the State Department post would appear to help keep his political career alive.

Given Kissinger's prestige and his promise to improve relations between the State Department and Congress, the congressional liaison post could be a relatively visible one in the sub-cabinet.

It would keep Holton in contact with influential leaders in national politics and associate him with a department that has suffered little from the reverberations of Watergate.

Holton, reached at his Roanoke home yesterday, would not confirm or deny reports of the State Department job. "I've still got two or three balls in the air, but nothing's been decided," he said.

In recent years, the congressional liaison job for State has been filled by a career diplomat, but in the past the job has been held at times by a political appointee.

HARRY F. BYRD JR.
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LINWOOD HOLTON
. . . support from Byrd

Before Holton emerged as top candidate for the job, Davis was to have been replaced as Foreign Service director by Thomas R. Pickering, now head of the State Department Executive Secretariat. Pickering in turn was to be succeeded by George S. Springsteen, now deputy assistant secretary for European affairs.

It is now expected that Davis will remain in his post, Springsteen will replace Pickering and another post will be found for Pickering.

Holton said late in his term as governor, which ended Saturday, that he had received job overtures from the Nixon administration, including the possibility of the NATO ambassadorship in Brussels, but was planning to turn them down.

It was known that Holton was disenchanted with President Nixon's handling of Watergate, but he said he wanted to return to his home city of Roanoke, mainly to give his four children a more normal life.

Another reason for his initial plans to return to Roanoke was to keep his political base in Virginia, possibly for a race for the U.S. Senate against Byrd in 1976.

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FOR INFORMATION OF DETROIT, UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATION OF HOLTON, OUTGOING GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED.

INVESITGATION RICHMOND DETERMINED HOLTON ATTENDED SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,

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FORMER PASTOR, DR. JAMES F. ANDERSON, NOW ASSIGNED AS PASTOR, KIRK OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN, AND RESIDES 1420 WEST LONG LAKE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD HILLS.

DETROIT INTERVIEW DR. ANDERSON AND OBTAIN HIS COMMENTS ON HOLTON REGARDING HOLTON'S ABILITY, SOCIAL HABITS, REPUTATION, AND CHARACTER.

ALEXANDRIA NOTE HOLTON ON INTERIVEW STATED JOHN W. HANES, JR., OFFICER, WERTHEIN AND COMPANY INVESTMENT BROKERS, WITH OFFICES NYC, IS CLOSE FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF HIS AND RESIDES GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA.

ALEXANDRIA INTERVIEW HANES. OBTAIN PERTINENT COMMENTS REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON.

NORFOLK LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY E.HOWELL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNDER HOLTON. HOWELL IS RESIDENT OF NORFOLK.

OBTAIN PERTINENT COMMENTS OF HOWELL REGARDING HOLTON.

ALL INTERVIEWS SHOULD INCLUDE INQUIRY AS TO HOLTON'S ABILITY.

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FOR INFO CHARLOTTE, CLEVELAND, NEWARK, AND NORFOLK, REFERENCED COMMUNICATION STATES HOLTON, GOVERNOR OF VA. FROM JAN., 1970 (TO JAN., 1974) BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE, U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED. HOLTON, BORN 9-21-23, BIG STONE GAP, VA., INTERVIEWED, 1-11-74 BY FBI AGENT AND SAC, RICHMOND, AND HE ADVISED IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

HE WAS MEMBER OF USNR, 6-19-43 TO 8-19-46. THIS PERIOD OF SERVICE INCLUDED TRAINING UNDER V-12 PROGRAM, USN AT UNIVERSITY OF N.C., CHAPEL HILL, N.C., FROM JUNE, 1943 TO FEB., 1944; ATTENDED MID-SHIPMAN'S SCHOOL, ASBURY PARK, N.J., APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH, FEB.-MAR., 1944; GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, GREAT LAKES, ILL., FROM APPROXIMATELY MAR., 1944 TO JUNE, 1944. HOLTON EOD JUNE, 1944 WITH USN SUBMARINE FORCE. HE SERVED IN PACIFIC AREA UNTIL DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY, AUG., 1944, NORFOLK, VA. HOLTON PRESENTLY HOLDS RANK OF CAPTAIN, USNR. [redacted]

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[redacted] RECENTLY MOVED TO RALEIGH, N.C., EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO HOLTON, [redacted] HUSBAND, WILMONT, EMPLOYED CAROLINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., RALEIGH, N.C. BROTHER, CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON, RESIDES CLEVELAND, O., EXACT RESIDENCE ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO HOLTON, BUT EMPLOYED BY NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY, POSSIBLY AS REGIONAL MANAGER.

HOLTON ATTENDED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., FEB., 1947 TO JUNE, 1949, OBTAINING LAW DEGREE.

ALL OTHER PERIODS OF ADULT LIFE TO BE COVERED BY RICHMOND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE:

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON HOLTON UNLESS REASON INDICATES ADVISABLE TO DO SO AT WHICH TIME BUREAU AUTHORITY SHOULD BE REQUESTED.

BOSTON AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING HOLTON'S ATTENDANCE AND DEGREES AWARDED AND CONDUCT AGENCY CHECKS AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

CHARLOTTE AT RALEIGH, N.C. VERIFY [redacted] [redacted] RESIDENCE AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE ARREST

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CHICAGO AT GREAT LAKES, ILL. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE AGENCY CHECKS ON HOLTON.

CLEVELAND AT CLEVELAND, O. VERIFY RESIDENCE OF HOLTON'S BROTHER, CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON, AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECK.

NEWARK AT ASBURY PARK, N. J., AND NORFOLK AT NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH, VA. CHECK ARREST RECORDS ON HOLTON.

ALL OFFICES EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION AND NOTE DEADLINE TO BE MET WITHOUT FAIL, NO DELAY TOLERATED.

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REBUTEL TO RICHMOND, 1/10/74.

FOR INFO SALT LAKE CITY, U.S. STATE DEPT. HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATION OF HOLTON, EX-GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA (1970-1974), WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED.

HOLTON INTERVIEWED 1/11/74 AND ADVISED JOHN R. RITCHIE, JR., WAS HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND CLOSE FRIEND.

RITCHIE PRESENTLY ON VACATION AT EDELWEISS HAUS, PARK CITY, UTAH, UNTIL 1/21/74.

SALT LAKE CITY - IMMEDIATELY CONTACT RITCHIE AND OBTAIN COMMENTS RE HOLTON'S ABILITY, REPUTATION, CHARACTER, LOYALTY, SOCIAL HABITS, AND RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

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RE RICHMOND NITEL TO BUREAU, 1/14/74.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT U. S. CONGRESSMAN DAVID E. SATTERFIELD, THIRD VA. DISTRICT, NEGATIVE. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES HE CAN PRESENTLY BE CONTACTED AT HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CONGRESSMAN SATTERFIELD AND INTERVIEW RE HOLTON AND OBTAIN HIS COMMENTS RE HOLTON'S ABILITY, CHARACTER, REPUTATION, SOCIAL HABITS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTIVE POSITION.

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Room 1246

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPIN. BUDED 1-17-74 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL 1-10-74 ENTITLED "ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, SPIN," RICHMOND TELETYPES TO BUREAU 1-11-74 (2), AND 1-14-74.

BIRTH:

ON 1-10-74, MRS. VIRGINIA DIXON, CLERK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED RECORDS OF THAT BUREAU REFLECTED ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., WAS BORN 9-21-23, BIG STONE GAP, VA., TO ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON AND EDITH HILL VAN GORDER.

EMPLOYMENT:

ON 1-11-74, HOLTON (CAPTIONED) ADVISED THE ONLY EMPLOYMENT HE HAS EVER HAD DURING HIS ADULT LIFE WAS AS LAWYER AND ATTORNEY AT ROANOKE, VA., FROM 1949 TO 1970 AND AS GOVERNOR STATE OF VIRGINIA.

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BAR MEMBERSHIP:

ON 1-10-74, MISS DEBRA HOLLAND, SECRETARY, VIRGINIA STATE BAR, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED THAT ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON (JR.) HAS BEEN MEMBER OF VIRGINIA STATE BAR SINCE 8-25-49, IS IN GOOD STANDING AND NO GRIEVANCES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST HIM. b6 b7C

RELATIVES:

ON 1-11-74, HOLTON ADVISED ON INTERVIEW HE IS MARRIED TO FORMER VIRGINIA HARRISON ROGERS SINCE JANUARY, 1953; HAS [redacted] VIRGINIA TAYLOE, AGE 17; [redacted] AGE [redacted] AGE [redacted] AND [redacted] AGE [redacted] HIS MOTHER, EDITH VAN GORDER HOLTON, RESIDES WYANDOTTE AVE., BIG STONE GAP, VA., AND HIS FATHER IS DECEASED. HOLTON HAS A SISTER, MRS. ROLFE E. MORRIS, AGE 62 RESIDING BOX 43, ST. PAUL, VA.; [redacted] RESIDING WITH HUSBAND, WILMOT C. JONES, RALEIGH, N.C., WHERE WILMOT JONES IS EMPLOYED CAROLINE LIGHT AND POWER CO. HE HAS A BROTHER, CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON, WHO RESIDES CLEVELAND, OHIO, EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO HOLTON BUT EMPLOYED, POSSIBLY b6 b7C

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AS REGIONAL MANAGER, OF NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILROAD, CLEVELAND.

RESIDENCES:

ON INTERVIEW 1-14-74, HOLTON STATED HE SPENT BOYHOOD IN BIG STONE GAP, VA., AND FROM APPROXIMATELY 1940 TO JUNE, 1943, RESIDED AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA., AND ALSO FROM AUGUST, 1946, UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1947. FROM FEBRUARY, 1947, TO JUNE, 1949, RESIDED CAMBRIDGE, MASS., WHERE HE ATTENDED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. DURING SUMMER OF 1949 HE RESIDED AT BIG STONE GAP AND FROM SEPTEMBER, 1949, TO JANUARY, 1970, HE RESIDED AT VARIOUS ADDRESSES IN ROANOKE, VA. WHERE HE PRACTICED LAW DURING THAT PERIOD. FROM JANUARY, 1970, TO JANUARY, 1974, HIS RESIDENCE WAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION, STATE CAPITOL, RICHMOND, VA.

MILITARY SERVICE:

HOLTON ON INTERVIEW 1-11-74, ADVISED HE LEFT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA., JUNE, 1943, AND ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH U. S. NAVY, THEREAFTER PARTICIPATING IN V-12 NAVY TRAINING PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1944, THEREAFTER ENTERING TRAINING ASBURY,

N.J., U. S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH, FEBRUARY THRU MARCH, 1944, AND FROM MARCH, 1944, UNTIL JUNE, 1944, PURSUED TRAINING IN U. S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, GREAT LAKES, ILL. IN JUNE, 1944, HE ENTERED ON DUTY WITH U. S. NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE AND THEREAFTER SERVED IN PACIFIC AREA UNTIL DISCHARGED AT NORFOLK, VA., AUGUST, 1946. HE PRESENTLY HOLDS RANK OF CAPTAIN IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS:

HOLTON ON INTERVIEW, 1-11-74, ADVISED HE IS NOT PRESENTLY AFFILIATED IN ANY WAY WITH ANY BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE AND HAS DISASSOCIATED HIMSYELF FROM HIS PREVIOUS LAW FIRM, ROANOKE, VA., KNOWN AS EGGLESTON, HOLTON, BUTLER AND GLENN. HOWEVER, HOLTON STATED HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHENANDOAH LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ROANOKE, VA., BUT WOULD DECLINE THIS APPOINTMENT IF APPOINTED TO FEDERAL POSITION.

HOLTON OWNS "FEW" SHARES OF STOCK IN FORMER HELM'S VENEER CORP., ROCKY MT., VA., WHICH FIRM RECENTLY REORGANIZED UNDER ANOTHER NAME UNKNOWN TO HOLTON AT THIS TIME. HIS WIFE,

VIRGINIA, OWNS "SOME" SHARES IN MASSACHUSETTS INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO OTHER BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS.

SOCIAL CLUB AFFILIATIONS:

HOLTON ADVISED ON INTERVIEW 1-11-74 HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN HONORARY MEMBER "EX-OFFICIO" OF A NUMBER OF CIVIC AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS IN STATE OF VIRGINIA NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN USED REGULARLY BY HIM. HE HAS BEEN A FORMER MEMBER OF ROANOKE, VA. KIWANIS CHAPTER, IS PRESENTLY ACTIVE MEMBER IN ROANOKE COUNTRY CLUB AND SHENANDOAH CLUB, WHICH IS "DOWNTOWN CLUB" BOTH IN ROANOKE, VA. HE IS SOCIALLY ACTIVE AS MEMBER OF COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF RICHMOND AND COUNTRY CLUB OF RICHMOND.

COURT LITIGATION:

HOLTON ADVISED 1-11-74 HE IS NOT PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN ANY LITIGATION IN A COURT OF LAW AND KNOWS OF NONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION HE WAS "SERVED SOMETIME AGO" WITH NOTICES OF POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION INVOLVING HIS LAW FIRM WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER, WHICH ACTION INVOLVES QUESTIONS ON DEEDS OF TRUST AND MORTGAGES WHICH HAD BEEN HANDLED BY THE LAW FIRM. HOLTON COULD NOT ADVISE OF THE EXACT IDENTITY OR

NATURE OF THE LITIGATION AND STATED HE SUBMITTED ALL SUCH PAPERS TO ATTORNEY ROBERT GLENN, HIS FORMER LAW PARTNER AT ROANOKE, VA.

ASSOCIATES:

(POLITICAL)

ON 1-14-74, T. EDWARD TEMPLE, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS, VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1966 AND WAS CASUAL ACQUAINTANCE OF HOLTON TO 1968. FROM 1970 TO 1974 HE "WORKED" FOR HOLTON AS SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE OF VIRGINIA. TEMPLE CONSIDERS HOLTON AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL, RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

ON 1-14-74, EARL JONES SHIFLET, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE WAS SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, STATE OF VIRGINIA, UNDER HOLTON FOR TWO YEARS (1972 TO 1974). HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH HOLTON AND CONSIDERS HIM AS ONE OF THE FINEST INDIVIDUALS HE HAS MET OR WORKED WITH AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR AN APPOINTIVE POSITION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY

INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

ON 1-14-74, WALTER W. CRAIGIE, JR., PRESENTLY EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, WHEAT FIRST SECURITIES, INC., RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE SERVED UNDER HOLTON AS STATE TREASURER, VIRGINIA, AND SECRETARY OF FINANCE, VIRGINIA, FROM 1970 TO MARCH 31, 1973. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH HOLTON AND HAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST HESITATION IN RECOMMENDING HOLTON FOR APPOINTIVE POSTION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. CRAIGIE ADVISED HE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WHATEVER WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HOLTON FROM AN APPOINTIVE POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON 1-14-74, WAYNE WHITHAM, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIS SAFETY (FORMER), ADVISED HE SERVED WITH HOLTON IN THIS CAPACITY FROM 1971 TO 1974 BUT HAS KNOWN HOLTON BOTH CASUALLY AND ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS SINCE 1965. WHITHAM CHARACTERIZED HOLTON AS ONE OF THE BEST MEN HE HAS EVER MET BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND AS AN ACQUAINTANCE AND KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HIS ACCEPTING APPOINTIVE POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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ON 1-14-74, OTIS LEE BROWN, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE SERVED AS SECRETARY OF HUMAN AFFAIRS UNDER HOLTON'S ADMINISTRATION AND HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE NOVEMBER, 1969, WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS FOR THE STATE OF VIRGINIA. HE WAS APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF HUMAN AFFAIRS JULY, 1972, AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HOLTON HAS CAUSED HIM TO CONSIDER HOLTON TO BE A FAIR MAN, NOT EVER INFLUENCED BY PRESSURE OR PRESSURE GROUPS AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST. BROWN KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

USA LEIGH B. HANES, JR., WESTERN DISTRICY OF VIRGINIA (WDVA), ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED ON 1-11-74 HW HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1951 WHEN HOLTON WAS HIS CAMPAIGN MANAGER WHEN HE RAN SUCCESSFULLY FOR CITY COUNCIL, ROANOKE, VA., IN 1953. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE AN ABOVE AVERAGE LAWYER IN ABILITY AND COMPENTENCY AND HAS OUTSTANDING ABILITY IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. HOLTON' S JUDGMENT IS "TEMPERED" AND "CONTROLLED" BY INTELLIGENCE AND COMMON SENSE BUT HANES FEELS HOLTON LACKS PERSONAL WARMTH BUT IS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS.

HANES STATED HOLTON IS COMPLETELY HONEST, OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY IN HOLTON'S BACKGROUND. HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

H. CLYDE PEARSON, REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY, WDVA, ROANOKE, VA., INTERVIEWED 1/11/74, HAS KNOWN HOLTON 20 YEARS AND HOLTON WAS HIS (PEARSON'S) CAMPAIGN MANAGER DURING PEARSON'S UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, 1961. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE CAPABLE, COMPETENT, INTELLIGENT AND OF HIGH INTEGRITY. HE FEELS HOLTON IS SOMEWHAT ALOOF IN MAKING CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS BUT GETS ALONG WELL WITH OTHERS ~~ON~~ as an administrative ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

PEARSON CONSIDERS HOLTON OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION AND KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. Rec'd in - per Towe, RH 1/2/

M. CALDWELL BUTLER, REPUBLICAN PRESENTLY REPRESENTATIVE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED 1/11/74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1950, ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AS LAW PARTNER DURING 1962, AND SERVED WITH HIM IN THIS CAPACITY

UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1970, WHEN HOLTON BECAME GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. HE RECOMMENDED HOLTON AS TO CHARACTER, MORALS, LOYALTY, ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR APPOINTIVE POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT RESERVATION.

ON 1/12/74, GEORGE H. HETTRICK, ATTORNEY, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1965, HAS BEEN ONE OF HIS CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES SINCE 1970 AND WORKED ON HOLTON'S GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES IN 1965 AND 1969. HE SERVED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO HOLTON DURING 1970 AND 1971. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE PERSON OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER, A COMPLETELY LOYAL U. S. CITIZEN, ABLE ADMINISTRATOR AND HAVING REPUTABLE ASSOCIATES. HETTRICK RECOMMENDED HOLTON WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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ACQUAINTANCES:

J. LINDSEY ALMOND, FORMER GOVERNOR OF VA., RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1/14/74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1965 AND THAT PRIOR TO HOLTON'S ELECTION AS GOVERNOR, HOLTON PRACTICED LAW IN ROANOKE, VA. AND ALMOND DID NOT CONSIDER HOLTON "AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS" AND THAT THE VA. BAR ASSOCIATION WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH HOLTON'S ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY. FOR THE LATTER REASON, HE WOULD QUESTION ANY APPOINTMENT OF HOLTON TO A JUDICIAL POST. ALMOND STATED HE IN NO WAY QUESTIONED THE ETHICS, HONESTY OR INTEGRITY OF HOLTON AND CONSIDERED HOLTON TO HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF TACT AND DIPLOMACY. HE CONSIDERED HOLTON LOYAL TO THE U. S. AND TO THE PRESIDENT. HE ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A FEDERAL POSITION "FOR WHICH HE WAS QUALIFIED."

CREDIT:

ON 1/11/74, DOROTHY NAVE, CLERK, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO ADVERSE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THAT AGENCY CONCERNING HOLTON.

ON 1/10/74, MRS. RENA REGISTER, SECRETARY, RICHMOND (VA.) CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED THAT THE FILE ON ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON REVEALED HE MAINTAINED A SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING AND NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED THEREIN.

ARREST:

ON 1/11/74, MRS. BRENDA HALE, RECORDS SECTION, ROANOKE PD, ADVISED THAT ARREST FILES OF THAT DEPARTMENT CONTAINED NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, VIRGINIA ROGERS HARRISON HOLTON OR VIRGINIA TAYLOE HOLTON.

ON 1/10/74, MRS. EDNA F. CARTER, CLERK, RECORDS SECTION, RICHMOND PD, ADVISED ARREST RECORDS OF THAT DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, VIRGINIA HARRISON HOLTON OR VIRGINIA TAYLOE HOLTON.

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON. SPI. BUDED 1/17/74 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, 1/10/74; BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, 1/10/74; RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/11/74; AND RICHMOND NITEL TO BUREAU, 1/14/74.

INQUIRY AT OFFICES OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF VIRGINIA DELEGATION, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DETERMINED THEY WILL NOT RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C. UNTIL CONGRESS CONVENES DURING WEEK OF 1/21/74.

LISTED BELOW ARE NAMES AND LOCAL ADDRESSES FOR CONGRESSMEN AND EACH RECEIVING OFFICE WILL CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE CONGRESSMAN AT THEIR LOCAL OFFICE:

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT W. DANIEL, JR., SPRINGFIELD, VIRIGNIA (BRANDON PLANTATION), TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE 804-866-2201, OR RESIDENCE PHONE 804-866-2416..

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REPRESENTATIVE R. WILLIAM WHITEHURST, FEDERAL BUILDING, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, PHONE 804-441-6763.

REPRESENTATIVE W.C. DANIEL, FEDERAL BUILDING, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE 804-792-1280.

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM C. WAMBLER, DISTRICT OFFICE, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE 703-669-9451.

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FROM RICHMOND (161-1482)-P- 1P

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Room 4246

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPIN. BUDED: 1/17/74, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE RH TELETYPE, 1/11/74.

ON 1/15/74, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA., ADVISED HOLTON ATTENDED WASHINGTON AND LEE 9/41-6/43, RECEIVED B.A. DEGREE CUM LAUDE, 11/10/44, AFTER ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF N.C., NAVY V-12 PROGRAM 7/5/43 - 2/22/44, AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MIDSHIPMAN'S SCHOOL 1944.

CHARLOTTE AT UNIVERSITY OF N.C. AND CHICAGO AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, VERIFY HOLTON'S ATTENDANCE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (161-1393) (RUC)

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPIN.

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/11/74.

DR. JAMES F. ANDERSON, PASTOR, KIRK OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1340 WEST LONG LAKE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN, CONTACTED 1/14/74, AND ADVISED HE KNEW HOLTON, HIS WIFE [redacted] WHILE PASTOR OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, FROM 1970 TO 1972. HOLTON WAS A REGULAR CHURCH GOER, PARTICIPATED IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES BEYOND REGULAR SERVICE.

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HE IS A MAN OF STRONG PERSONAL INTEGRITY, STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS, SELF-DISCIPLINE AND ABILITY. HOLTON IS OF IMPECCABLE REPUTATION IN MATTERS OF SOBRIETY AND STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS. ANDERSON STRESSED HOLTON'S REPUTATION FOR DEEP PERSONAL INTEGRITY, QUALIFICATION, ABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

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FROM NORFOLK (161-580) (RUC) 3P

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, SPI, BUDED 1/17/74, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON 1/15/74, JOE RIPLINGER, CENTRAL FILES, NORFOLK PD, AND MADELINE LEWIS, CENTRAL FILES, PORTSMOUTH PD, ADVISED THEY COULD LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

ON 1/15/74, MRS. B. FERGUSON, RECORDS ROOM, NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE (NISO), NORFOLK NAVAL STATION, ADVISED SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

ON 1/15/74, HENRY E. HOWELL, JR., FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1969 AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. HE STATED HE SERVED AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UNDER THE APPOINTEE AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WAS EXCELLENT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, HE NEVER SOCIALIZED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND IS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM

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STRICKLY ON A POLITICAL BASIS. MR. HOWELL ADVISED THE APPOINTEE IS AN ABLE EXECUTIVE WHO WOULD BE QUITE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DUTIES REQUIRED OF HIM IN THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. MR. HOWELL VOUCHED FOR THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY AND STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

ON 1/15/74, U. S. REPRESENTATIVE G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST, AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE ON A POLITICAL BASIS SINCE 1968. HE DESCRIBED HIM AS AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY, AND ASSOCIATES ARE BEYOND REPROACH. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS A DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT WHO IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. HE ADVISED HE FEELS THE APPOINTEE

IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED AND IT GIVES HIM GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR THAT POSITION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/11/74, AND WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/15/74.

NORFOLK INDICES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING HOLTON.

FORMER LT. GOVERNOR HOWELL WAS INTERVIEWED BY SAS ROBERT W. HUNTER AND PHILIP O. BUTLER. ALL OTHER INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA ROBERT W. HUNTER.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM RICHMOND (161-1482) -P-

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR. SPIN. BUDED 1-17-74 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE RICHMOND NITELS (2) DATED 1-14-74.

EDUCATION

ON 1-15-74, MRS. ELIZABETH MC CLUNG, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY (W AND L), LEXINGTON, VA., ADVISED SCHOOL RECORDS REFLECT THAT ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR. ATTENDED W AND L FROM 9-17-41 UNTIL 6-43. RECORDS ALSO REFLECT HOLTON ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF N. C. 7-5-43 TO 2-22-44 UNDER NAVY V-12 PROGRAM AND NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MIDSHIPMAN'S SCHOOL IN 1944. A B. A. DEGREE CUM LAUDE WAS AWARDED HOLTON BY W AND L ON 11-10-44. RECORDS ALSO REFLECT HOLTON ATTENDED W AND L FROM 9-46 UNTIL 1-3-47, AT WHICH TIME HE WITHDREW, NO REASON LISTED.

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REUPERT N. LATTURE, ASSISTANT TO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, W AND L, ADVISED HE HAS EVERY CONFIDENCE IN HOLTON'S INTEGRITY, RELIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY. STATED HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE UNQUESTIONABLY LOYAL TO U. S. GOVERNMENT. FURTHER ADVISED HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A HIGH-TYPE PERSON, ONE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN PUBLIC LIFE, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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RESIDENCE

MRS. KARL CARTER, [redacted] ADVISED 1-15-74 THAT A. LINWOOD HOLTON AND [redacted] AT 3125 AVENHAM AVE. SW, ROANOKE.

EMPLOYMENT (FORMER).

ON 1-14-74, B. PURNELL EGGLESTON, ATTORNEY, SHENANDOAH BUILDING, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED SA GEORGE B. METZGER THAT HE HAD BEEN A LAW PARTNER WITH HOLTON FROM 1-54 TO 1-70. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE CAME TO KNOW HOLTON EXCEEDINGLY WELL AND HAS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN HIS INTEGRITY, MORAL CHARACTER, AND REPUTATION. HE SAID THAT HOLTON IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE COMMUNITY, IS A DEDICATED, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND LOYAL INDIVIDUAL AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1-14-74, ROBERT E. GLENN, ATTORNEY, SHENANDOAH BUILDING, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED SA METZGER THAT HE IS A FORMER LAW PARTNER OF HOLTON AND KNOWS HIM QUITE WELL. HE STATED HOLTON HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY, IS HIGHLY ETHICAL, AND COMPLETELY HONEST. HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HIM AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. GLENN STATED THAT AT

PRESENT HE IS HANDLING A LEGAL MATTER INVOLVING HOLTON WHICH RELATES TO THE FACT THAT HOLTON SOME YEARS AGO WAS NAMED A TRUSTEE IN A DEED OF TRUST ON SOME REAL ESTATE. THE OWNERS ARE PRESENTLY BEING DIVORCED AND ONE HAS FILED A PARTITION SUIT TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND, THEREFORE, HOLTON, BEING A TRUSTEE, IS NAMED AS A DEFENDANT IN THAT SUIT.

RELATIVES.

ON 1-14-74, MRS. BRENDA HALE, CENTRAL RECORDS BUREAU, ROANOKE, VA. POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED HER FILES REFLECT CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON, DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BORN 11-24-25, BIG STONE GAP, VA., UNDER ROANOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER 21960, HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY, ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER, AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY OFFICER J. C. CLINGENPEEL OF THE ROANOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE RECORDS REFLECTED CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON'S ADDRESS AS 524 CLYDESDALE, SOUTHWEST, ROANOKE, VA. AND HE WAS EMPLOYED AS GENERAL MANAGER OF OPERATIONS, N & W RAILROAD, ROANOKE. THIS ARREST OCCURRED ON 7-20-72.

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ON 1-14-74, MISS MARY JANE FLOYD, CLERK OF THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT RECORDS, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HER FILES REFLECT THAT FOLLOWING DISPOSITION REGARDING CHARGES FILED AGAINST CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON ON 7-20-72:

OFFENSE NO. 48020 - HIT AND RUN, PLEADED GUILTY AND PAID FINE OF $50.00 PLUS COSTS;

OFFENSE NO. 49444 - DISORDERLY, PLEADED GUILTY, FINED $50.00 AND TEN DAYS SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR TWO DAYS;

OFFENSE NO. 52000 - ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER WAS NOLLE PROSSED, 9-7-72; AND

OFFENSE NO. 51999 - DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, PLEADED GUILTY AND PAID FINE OF $200.00, 30 DAYS SUSPENDED AND OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH LEADERS.

DR. CHARLES E. S. KRAEMER, PRESIDENT, PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA AND MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE

UNITED STATES, ADVISED ON 1-11-74 THAT HE HAD MET HOLTON AT HIS CHURCH CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL GOVERNORS AND PROMINENT CHURCH LEADERS. DR. KRAEMER ADVISED HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE INTEREST AND CONCERN HOLTON EXPRESSED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A VERY SOLID, WELL REGARDED, LOYAL, AND RESPECTED CITIZEN. DR. KRAEMER KNEW OF NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

JOHN E. KENYON, INSURANCE EXECUTIVE AND ELDER OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1-12-74 HE HAS MET HOLTON ON SVERAL OCCASIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CHURCH BUSINESS AND THOUGH HOLTON IS NOT A PERSONAL FRIEND, KENYON WAS IMPRESSED WITH HOLTON AS BEING CONCERNED ABOUT CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND CONSIDERED HOLTON DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY. KENYON RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

DR. FRED R. STAIR, PRESIDENT, UNION THEOLOGICAL

SEMINARY, RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1-12-74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS AND IS IMPRESSED WITH HOLTON BECAUSE OF HIS SINCERITY AND SENSITIVITY TO PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS AND HOLTON HAS THE "COMMON TOUCH" AND HAS THE RARE ABILITY TO TALK TO ALL LEVELS OF PERSONS. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER WHOSE REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE UNQUESTIONED AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

DR. W. NORMAN COOK, RETIRED MINISTER AND CURRENTLY SUPPLY MINISTER, SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ADVISED THAT HOLTS IS A MEMBER OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROAMKE, VIRGINIA, WHERE HE, HOLTON, WAS AN ELDER. REVEREND COOK STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW HOLTON PERSONALLY, BUT CONSIDERS HOLTON WELL REGARDED BY THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH.

ON 1-14-74 REVEREND A. HAYDEN HOLLINGSWORTH, JR., ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE IS RETIRED PASTOR OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, AND HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS. HOLLINGSWORTH STATED HOLTON HAS BEEN AN ELDER OF THAT CHURCH FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 YEARS, BETWEEN 10 AND 15 YEARS AGO AND HE HOLDS HOLTON IN THE HIGHEST REGARD AS TO INTEGRITY, CHARACTER, MORALS, AND STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY. REVEREND HOLLINGSWORTH ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE HOLTON FAMILY, INCLUDING BROTHER [redacted] FOR MANY YEARS AND COULD FURNISH NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING HOLTON OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. RE RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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ACQUAINTANCES (POLITICAL AND SOCIAL).

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, WERE INTERVIEWED ON 1-14-74 AND ALL VARIOUSLY ADVISED THEY CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, HONEST,

SINCERE, LOYAL, INTELLIGENT, AND THEY WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. ALL ADVISED THAT THEY POSSESS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

RAY L. GARLAND, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA (REPUBLICAN), SEVENQ DISTRICT - HAS KNOWN HOLTON TEN YEARS;

C. RICHARD CRANWELL (DEMOCRAT), VINTON, VIRGINIA, EIGHTH DISTRICT - HAS KNOWN HOLTON SIX YEARS;

RAYMOND R. ROBRECHT (REPUBLICAN), EIGHTH DISTRICT, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOUR YEARS;

ON 1-14-74, JOSEPH S. BAMBACUS, ATTORNEY, AND FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON BOTH PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT. BAMBACUS STATES HE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HOLTON NOR OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD AFFECT HIS ABILITY TO PERFORM TO THE

HIGHEST DEGREE IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

DAVID T. THORNTON, STATE SENATOR (REPUBLICAN), SALEM, VIRGINIA, 22ND DISTRICT, ADVISED ON 1-14-74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON AND HOLTON'S WIFE BOTH SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY FOR ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AND CONSIDERED HOLTON INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE, HONEST, GOOD SOCIAL HABITS, AND POSSESSING A HIGH DEGREE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. THORNTON STATES HE CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A LOYAL AMERICAN, AND HAD NO HESITANCY IN RECOMMENDING HOLTON FOR A HIGH POSITION IN GOVERNMENT WHERE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WERE CONSIDERED AS REQUIREMENTS. THORNTON KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

ON 1-11-74, JACK C. SMITH, DIRECTOR, ROANOKE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 14 YEARS AND HOLTON WAS ACTIVE FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS IN THE "BACKBONE CLUB", CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP, AND BUILDING FUND ORGANIZATION.

HOLTON WAS CHAIRMAN OF THIS CLUB IN APPROXIMATELY 1963. SMITH CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE CAPABLE, TEMPERATE IN HIS HABITS, AND AN ORDERLY PERSON WITH A GOOD LOGICAL MIND AND DEMONSTRATED ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY WITH EXCELLENT REPUTATION AND CHARACTER. SMITH WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1-14-74, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. ADVISED SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER LINWOOD HOLTON A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO THE U. S. AND WELL SUITED FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT:

ROBERT MINCER, CHAIRMAN, CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE'S GODWIN-FOR-GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN AND OWNER MINCER'S PIPE SHOP, WHO HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR FIVE YEARS;

DARDEN TOWE, PRESIDENT, TOWE INSURANCE SERVICE, AND CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLIC COMMITTEE, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.,

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WHO HAS KNOWN SINCE 1966;

EDWARD MC CUE, JR., CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, ALBEMARLE COUNTY AND CHARLOTTESVILLE ATTORNEY, WHO HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1968;

JOHN W. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN, SEVENTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND OWNER OF ANDERSON'S BOOK STORE, WHO HAS KNOWN APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS;

PHILLIP MORTON, VICE-PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AND REGIONAL CHAIRMAN OF GODWIN-FOR-GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, AND FORMER HEAD OF CHARLOTTESVILLE REPUBLICAN PARTY COMMITTEE, WHO HAS KNOWN FOR SEVEN YEACU; AND

BERNACD HAGGERTY, VICE-PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS-FOR-GODWIN FOR GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN, WHO HAS KNOWN FOR FOUR YEARS.

MR. F. OVERTON JONES, ASSOCIATE EDITOR, "RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH" NEWSPAPER, RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1/14/74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS AS A NEWSPAPER

MAN (JONES) AND AS A FELLOW GOVERNMENT WORKER. HE KNOWS HOLTON ON A PROFESSIONAL RATHER THAN SOCIAL LEVEL AS HE (JONES) WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION BY HOLTON AND HE HOLDS HOLTON IN THE HIGHEST REGARD FEELING HOLTON IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING ANY POSITION IN GOVERNMENT ASSIGNED TO HIM IN A CREDITABLE MANNER. JONES KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

EDUCATORS.

DR. DONALD N. DEDMON, PRESIDENT, RADFORD COLLEGE, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1/14/74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR OVER TWO YEARS AND HAS HAD NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH HOLTON DURING THAT TIME. DEDMON KNOWS HOLTON PERSONALLY AND BY REPUTATION TO BE VERY HONEST, SINCERE, AND A TRUSTWORTHY PERSON. DEDMON'S ACQUAINTANCES, WHO ALSO KNOW HOLTON HAVE VENTURED FAVORABLE COMMENTS ABOUT HOLTON AND HE, DEDMON, HAS NEVER HEARD ANYONE EXPRESS THE SLIGHTEST RESERVATION CONCERNING HOLTON'S INTEGRITY

LOYALTY, AND REPUTATION. DEDMON WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1/14/74 DR. T. MARSHALL HAHN, PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VPISU), BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON EXTREMELY WELL FOR TEN YEARS ON A PERSONAL, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE BASIS AS PRESIDENT OF VPISU. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, LOYALTY, AND REPUTATION, AND KNOWS HOLTON TO BE AN INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE, INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMANDS RESPECT FROM HIS PEERS. HOLTON, ACCORDING TO DR. HAHN, IS A LOYAL CITIZEN AND A RESPECTED CITIZEN OF VIRGINIA. HE HAS NO RESERVATION IN HIGHLY RECOMMENDING HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM.

FEDERAL AND LOCAL JUDGES.

THE HONORABLE JAMES C. TURK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON JANUARY 11, 1974 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR ABOUT 22 YEARS, HAS OBSERVED HOLTON IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, BOTH AS COLLABORATORS AND OPPONENTS, AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A HIGHLY COMPETENT, CAPABLE, AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL. TURK HAS, AS STATE OF VIRGINIA SENATOR, HAD OCCASION TO WORK WITH HOLTON CLOSELY IN THE PAST AND FOUND HOLTON TO BE A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR, A STABLE PERSON, AND ONE WHO EXERCISED GOOD JUDGEMENT SHOWING ABILITY TO ANALYZE EFFECTIVELY. JUDGE TURK STATED HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN PUBLIC AND RACE RELATIONS IN VIRGINIA. JUDGE TURK STATED HOLTON ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY, IS OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, AND HE KNOWS

OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HOLTON'S BACKGROUND AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

HONORABLE DONALD W. HUFFMAN, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1-11-74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS, BUT HAS NOT OBSERVED HOLTON IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW. HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SOCIALLY AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, EXCELLENT REPUTATION, AND HIGH INTEGRITY. HE ALSO CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT AND HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATTJY NATURE EITHER PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY CONCERNING HOLTON. HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1-14-74, THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE ROBERT R. MERHIGE, JR., RICHMOND, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN

HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AND HAD MET HOLTON INITIALLY IN BOTH THEIR CAPACITIES AS ATTORNEYS AT VARIOUS LEGAL FUNCTIONS AND GATHERINGS. JUDGE MERHIGE ADVISED THAT IN RECENT YEARS HE AND HOLTON HAVE BEEN MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A CAPABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, PERSON AND BASICALLY " A VERY SPECIAL MAN", WHOM HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. JUDGE MERHIGE ADVISED HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND "DOUBTED THAT ANYONE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING BUT PRAISE FOR HTVTON".

THE HONORABLE TED DALTON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1-14-74 THAT HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A "FIRST CLASS" INDIVIDUAL OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. JUDGE DALTON ADDED THAT

HE CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, EXCELLENT MORALS, AND OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL, AND A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. JUDGE DALTON KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT, FELLING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IN HOLTON'S PERFORMANCE.

ON 1-14-74, THE HONORABLE FREDERICK L. HOBACK, 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, SALEM, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1949 WHEN HOLTON FIRST STARTED IN THE AREA AS A PRACTICING ATTORNEY. HE ADVISED HOLTON'S WIFE'S FAMILY IS PROMINENT IN VIRGINIA POLITICAL CIRCLES AND FRANK ROGERS, HOLTON'S FATHER-IN-LAW, IS A PROMINENT VIRGINIA LAWYER WITH WOODS, ROGERS, MUSE, WALKER, AND THORNTON, A LAW FIRM OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. JUDGE

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HOBACK HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED HOLTON A VERY ABLE LAWYER AND FELT HOLTON'S TENURE AS REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA HAS PROVEN HOLTON'S ABILITY. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO HAVE PERFORMED IN AN OUTSTANDING GKOSTA JING MANNER IN LEADING THE WAY IN VIRGINIA TOWARD ATTAINING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MINORITY GROUPS AND THE FURTHERING OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIS. JUDGE HOBACK CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS AND HE HAS NO HESITANCY IN RECOMMENDING HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. JUDGE HOBACK ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

THE HONORABLE ERNEST BALLOU, JUDGE OF THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1949 AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A VERY DEPENDABLE AND CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS DILIGENTLY IN ANY TASK IN WHICH HE IS INVOLVED.

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HE FEELS HOLTON IS AN ABLE ATTORNEY, DEPENDABLE, HONEST, AND OF HIGH INTEGRITY. JUDGE BALLOU SERVED WITH HOLTON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE AT ROANOKE AND HOLTON WAS DIVISION COMMANDER PERFORMING AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN THIS CAPACITY. HE STATED HE HAD NO HESITANCY IN RECOMMENDING HOLTON FOR ANY POSITION OF INTEGRITY IN THE GOVERNMENT AND WAS UNAWARE OF ANYTHING OF DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING HOLTON. JUDGE BALLOU EXPLAINED HOLTON'S BROTHER, CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON, HAD BECOME INVOLVED IN 1972 IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RESULTING IN SECRAL CHARGES BEING PLACED AGAINST CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON BY THE ROANOKE, VIRGINIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS JUDGE BALLOU'S RECOLLECTION CHARLES HOLTON HAS AT THE TIME BEEN DRINKING EXCESSIVELY AND JUDGE BALLOU FEELS CHARLES HOLTON HAS APPARENTLY PRESENTLY OVVRCOME THE (DRINKING) PROBLEM.

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HONORABLE HAROLD F. SNEAD, CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA IN RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1-14-74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 YEARS AND ASSOCIATED WITH HOLTON AT STATE FUNCTIONS AND HAS BEEN IN HOLTON'S PRESENCE AT A FEW SOCIAL EVENTS. JUDGE SNEAD CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE HONEST, OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, AND OF GOOD CHARACTER. JUDGE SNEAD COMMENTED AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, HOLTON TAKES A SOCIAL DRINK BUT HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED HOLTON DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES EXCESSIVELY. JUDGE SNEAD RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT AND ADVISED HE COULD NOT VENTURE AN OPINION AS TO HOLTON'S ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY, ALTHOUGH HOLTON HAS APPEARED BEFORE HIM ON ONE OCCASION ONLY, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HOLTON APPEARED TO HANDLE THE CASE IN POINT IN A COMPETENT MANNER.

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ON 1-14-74, W. A. QUICK, JR., UNITED STATES MARSHAL, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR 12 TO 14 YEARS AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE "POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS AND AN APPORTUNIST". QUICK ADVISED TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, HOLTON MAINTAINS A GOOD REPUTATION AND IS CONSIDERED HONEST, INTELLIGENT, AND A HIGHLY CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR. QUICK ADDED ALTHOUGH HE DISAGREES WITH HOLTON IN HIS POLITICAL CONDUCT, HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

HAROLD W. BURGESS, SUPERINTENDENT, VIRGINIS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1-14-74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE HOLTON BECAME GOVERNOR AND HAD SERVED UNDER HOLTON AS HEAD OF THE STATE POLICE. BURGESS ADVISED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HOLTON HAS BEEN "CORDIAL" AND HE HOLDS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HOLTON, HIS

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CONSIDERING HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, SOBRIETY, AND ONE WHO HANDLES HIS DUTIES AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA IN A CAPABLE MANNER.

ON 1-14-74 THE HONORABLE MILLS E. GODWIN, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1965 WHEN HE DEFEATED HOLTON IN THE 1965 VIRGINIA GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. GOVERNOR GODWIN ADVISED HE HAS HAD A CLOSE, BUT NOT INTIMATE ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER AND A LOYAL CITIZEN. HE ALSO CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A HARD WORKING, CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE ABILITY TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES IF PLACED IN A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITES STATES GOVERNMENT AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR SUCH A POSITION. GOVERNOR GODWIN STATED HE HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING HOLTON, BUT IT HAD, HOWEVER,

COME TO HIS ATTENTION THAT DURING HOLTON'S TENURE AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, HOLTON WAS ON OCCASION INDISCREET IN HIS DRINKING HABITS. HE DOES NOT CONSIDER HOLTON TO BE AN "ALCOHOLIC", BUT UNDERSTANDS HOLTON HAS BEEN INTEMPERATE ON OCCASION. GOVERNOR GODWIN STATED HE COULD FURISH NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON'S ALLEGED INTEMPERANCE.

MAURICE B. ROWE, SECRETARY OF ADMININTRATION, STATE OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1-14-74 HE HAS HAD A CLOSE WORKING AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HOLTON SINCE 1968, HAVING SERVED IN HOLTON'S ADMINISTRATION AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND RESOURCES FOR THE STATE OF VIRGINIA. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER WHO MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

IN HIS PERSONAL AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES AND HAVING EXCELLENT ASSOCIATIONS. HE ALSO CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A VERY CAPABLE EXECUTIVE WHO DEMANDS A HIGH DEGREE OF PERFORMANCE FROM BOTH HIMSELF AND OTHERS. ROWE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND RECOMMENDS HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. MC CADDIN, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, NATIONAL GUARD, RICHMOND, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 12/70 WHEN HE, GENERAL MC CADDIN, WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST BY THEN GOVERNOR HOLTON. GENERAL MC CADDIN HAS KNOWN HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER, LOYAL AND DEDICATED CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WHO ASSOCIATES ONLY WITH INDIVIDUALS OF UNQUESTIONED CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A "FAMILY ORIENTED PERSON"

WHO IS ABLE TO RELATE TO PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, AS WELL AS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR WHO STRIVES FOR PERFECTION. GENERAL MC CADDIN STATED HE HAD ATTENDED SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH HOLTON AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A "SOCIAL DRINKER". HE RECOMMENDS HOLTON WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

RENO S. HARP III, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL LITIGATION, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, ADVISED ON 1/14/74 HE HAS PERSONALLY KNOWN HOLTON FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS DURING WHICH TIME HOLTON WAS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON HAS BEEN AT STATE FUNCTIONS ONLY, IN ADDITION TO TWO OR THREE SOCIAL EVENTS.

HARP STATED, IN HIS OPINION, HOLTON HAD A REPUTATION OF BEING "AN INCOMPETENT ATTORNEY " BEFORE HOLTON

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BECAME GOVERNOR AND ALSO IN HIS OPINION HOLTON WAS "AN INCOMPETENT GOVERNOR" AND HE HARP, FELT THAT HOLTON CONSEQUENTLY WOULD BE "INCOMPETENT" IF HE RETURNED TO PRACTICE LAW OR BECAME A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE. HARP STATED HE COULD NOT THEREFORE RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AS HE CONSIDERED HOLTON INCOMPETENT BY REASON THAT HOLTON IN HIS OPINION LACKED THE "MENTAL CAPACITY TO BE A COMPETENT ATTORNEY OR THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA ".

HARP ADVISED FURTHER HE HAD "RECEIVED RUMORS" HOLTON "DRANK EXCESSIVELY" AND HAD BEEN SEEN IN A "DRUNKEN CONDITION". HARP COULD NOT FURNISH THE IDENTITY OF ANYONE WHO COULD STATE SPECIFICALLY THEY HAD SEEN HOLTON IN A "DRUNKEN CONDITION" OR WHO HAD OBSERVED HOLTON DRINKING TO ~~AN~~ EXCESS. HARP ALSO ADVISED

HE WOULD QUESTION HOLTON'S CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY BECAUSE OF HIS "REPORTED DRINKING PROBLEM". ACCORDING TO HARP, DURING HOLTON'S TERM AS GOVERNOR, HARP HAD ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS DISCUSSED LEGAL MATTERS OF STATE WITH HOLTON AND ON EACH AND EVERY OCCASION, HOLTON WAS RUDE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO HARP TO BE MENTALLY CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING OR DISCUSSING THE LEGAL MATTER BEING DISCUSSED. HARP STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO HOLTON'S RECEIVING AN APPOINTMENT TO A PUBLIC OFFICE IS BASED SOLELY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE RUMORS HE HAS RECEIVED AS TO HOLTON'S EXCESSIVE DRINKING AND BASED ON HIS OPINION THAT HOLTON IN NOT CAPABLE "MENTALLY" OF HOLDING A PUBLIC OFFICE. HARP NOTED FURTHER HOLTON DID NOT APPOINT HIM AND, IN FACT, HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, AND THEREFORE, OPPOSITION TO HOLTON WHILE HOLTON WAS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA DID NOT AND COULD NOT NOW AFFECT HARP'S POSITION AS DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ON 1/14/74, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN WILBUR C. DANIEL, DEMOCRAT, FIFTH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE WAS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HOLTON BUT HAD HAD SOME CONTACT WITH HOLTON ON OFFICIAL MATTERS. HE ADVISED IN HIS OPINION HE COULD NOT TAKE APPOINTEE SERIOUSLY AS HE DID NOT FEEL HOLTON HAD THE ABILITY TO DO A GOOD JOB; HOWEVER, HOLTON HAD, IN HIS OPINION, DONE A FAIRLY GOOD JOB AS VIRGINIA GOVERNOR.

HE ADVISED HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT HOLTON'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD OF ANYTHING ADVERSE PERTAINING TO HIS MORALS, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES OR HONESTY.

HE WOULD NEITHER RECOMMEND NOR DECLINE TO RECOMMEND HOLTON.

ON 1/14/74, ROBERT H. CLARKE, MAYOR OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN HOLTON SINCE SHORTLY AFTER

HOLTON BECAME GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, FOUR YEARS AGO. HE ADVISED THAT HIS DEALINGS WITH HOLTON HAD BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH CITY AFFAIRS. HE LEARNED THROUGH THIS, HOLTON WAS A SINCERE PERSON TO DEAL WITH. HE FELT HOLTON HAD DONE A VERY GOOD JOB AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

HE STATED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON WAS NOT CLOSE, BUT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF AN ADVERSE NATURE ABOUT HIS REPUTATION, CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES OR MORALS. HE WOULD NOT QUESTION HOLTON'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

HE FELT HOLTON HAD THE ABILITY TO FILL A JOB IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, BASED ON HIS OPINION THAT HOLTON HAD DONE A VERY GOOD JOB AS VIRGINIA GOVERNOR.

HE ALSO STATED HOLTON HAD, AS GOVERNOR, SUCCESSFULLY INTERESTED SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN LOCATING INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE AND THIS INDICATED TO HIM AN ABILTIY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON.

ON 1/15/74, WILLIAM C. WAMPLER, (REPUBLICAN), UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1939, WHEN HOLTON WAS A STUDENT A BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL. SINCE EARLY 1950'S, CONGRESSMAN WAMPLER HAS HAD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HOLTON AT LEAST TWO OR THREE TIMES EACH YEAR. HE SAID HOLTON IS HELD IN VERY HIGH ESTEEM BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION. HE IS OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND HIS LOYALTY IS BEYOND QUESTION TO OUR GOVERNMENT.

MR. WAMPLER KNOWS OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE TO HOLTON AND SAID HE WOULD UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR ANY POSITION INVOLVING COMPETENCE AND TRUST.

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CREDIT.

ON 1/15/74, PATRICIA MASSIE, LEXINGTON CREDIT BUREAU, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THERE WAS NO RECORD IN FILE REGARDING ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.

ON 1/15/74, ELIZABETH LYONS, WISE COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, NORTON, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HER RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.

ARREST.

ON 1/15/74, CRIMINAL RECORDS, COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, WISE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WISE, VIRGINIA, WERE SEARCHED AND FAILED TO REFLECT ANY CRIMINAL RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., EDITH VAN GORDER HOLTON, LOUISA HOLTON MORRIS, OR ROLFE E. MORRIS. IT IS NOTED THAT ST. PAUL, VIRGINIA AND BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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ON 1/15/74, VIVIAN BROWN, ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA AND DELORIS HALL, LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, ADVISED NO RECORD REGARDING ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR. COULD BE FOUND IN HER FILES OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS.

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SALT LAKE CITY	BUREAU	1/15/74	1/14/74

TITLE OF CASE

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.

REPORT MADE BY: GEORGE W. LARSON — TYPED BY: ksa

CHARACTER OF CASE

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BUDED: 1/17/74

REFERENCE: Richmond teletype to the Bureau, 1/14/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Referenced Richmond teletype carried name of appointee's friend as JOHN R. RITCHIE, JR., with RITCHIE in interview 1/14/74, indicating he has no middle initial as indicated in details of report.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: GEORGE W. LARSON
Date: 1/15/74

Office: Salt Lake City, Utah

Field Office File #: 161-242

Bureau File #:

Title:

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

JOHN RITCHIE, JR., Executive Assistant to appointee while Governor of Virginia, 1970-1974, and close friend, highly complimentary of appointee HOLTON, as person of good character, reputation, fine social habits, excellent ability and would recommend highly for position of trust with U. S. Government, as a good loyal American citizen.

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DETAILS:

JOHN RITCHIE, JR., who resides at [redacted] in interview at the Edelweiss Haus, Park City, Utah, advised as follows: b6 b7C

He first met the appointee approximately eight to ten years ago, both as practicing attorneys, with appointee residing in Roanoke, Virginia, and himself in Richmond, Virginia. He stated they became close friends in their business pursuits; however, up until 1969, he was only slightly socially acquainted with the appointee.

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RITCHIE stated that in 1969, he joined the appointee as his campaign coordinator for appointee's gubernatorial campaign for the governorship of the State of Virginia in which he was victorious. He added from January, 1970 to January, 1974, several days before this interview, when appointee's term as governor of the State of Virginia terminated, he was his Executive Assistant.

RITCHIE stated he had nothing but praise for the appointee as a person whose character and reputation he considers as being above reproach. He stated he is a person of good clean habits socially, highly respected by all who know him, and enjoys a good reputation among his close associatesas well as his political adversaries.

RITCHIE added that the appointee, he has found, to be a person of great ability in organizing with people. He stated he is aware of HOLTON's consideration for a Presidential appointment and he was honored to be in a position to recommend him without reservation as a good loyal American who will do a good sincere conscientious job for his country.

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9:15PM NITEL 1/16/74 FEK

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-2428) (P) 2 PAGES

Mr. Coleman
Room 1246

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, SPI, BUDED: 1/17/74.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, 1/10/74; RICHMOND TELETYPE, 1/11/74; BUREAU TELETYPE, 1/10/74; AND WFO TELETYPE, 1/15/74.

INQUIRY AT OFFICE OF JOHN W. HANES, JR., WERTHEIN AND COMPANY INVESTMENT BROKERS, 417 N. WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, DETERMINED THAT HE IS IN BRAZIL ATTENDING A CONFERENCE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL 1/21/74.

SC THOMAS KNOCK CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF [redacted] WHICH REVEALED NO PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE DATA REGARDING ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON.

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ON 1/16/74, SC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG REVIEWED THE RECORD OF ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON AT NISHQ, HOFFMAN BUILDING NO. 1, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

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THIS RECORD REVEALS THAT ON 1/13/71, NIS WAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF HOLTON TO DETERMINE HIS SUITABILITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO TOP SECRET INFORMATION. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED ON 2/16/71, AND EXCEPT FOR TWO MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

LEADS: ALEXANDRIA. WILL FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH HANES WHEN AVAILABLE.

WILL FURNISH RESULTS OF NAVY CHECK WHEN AVAILABLE.

WILL FURNISH RESULTS OF [redacted] ON APPOINTEE'S SPOUSE, VIRGINIA HARRISON ROGERS HOLTON WHEN AVAILABLE.

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6:47 PM NITEL 1-16-74 BDM

TO DIRECTOR

COLUMBIA

FROM RICHMOND (161-1482) 1P

Mr. Gebhardt
Room 1246

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR. SPIN. BUDED 1-17-74 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE RICHMOND TELCAL TO SUPERVISOR SAVITZ, COLUMBIA OFFICE, 1-16-74, ADVISING RICHMOND ASCERTAINED NAVAL RESERVE RECORDS FOR HOLTON WOULD BE CARE OF COMMANDANT, SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT, OFFICER RECORDS SECTION, CHARLESTON, S.C. COLUMBIA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN PERTINENT DATA AND SUNITEL.

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, SPI, BUDED: 1/17/74, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO WFO, 1/10/74; BUAIRTEL TO WFO, 1/10/74; AND RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU, 1/11/74.

ON 1/16/74, REVIEW OF RECORDS, NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, MILITARY BRANCH, ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED HOLTON, UNDER SERIAL NUMBER 550 13 14, ENLISTED IN U.S. NAVAL RESERVE 7/4/42, SERVED INACTIVE RESERVE STATUS UNTIL ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH NAVY 7/1/43, AT CHAPEL HILL, N.C. ENLISTMENT HONORABLY TERMINATED 7/18/44, AS MIDSHIPMAN AT CHICAGO, ILL., TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

HOLTON'S NAVY/NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER SERVICE RECORD NOT LOCATED THIS CENTER, SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, ARLINGTON, VA., UNDER SERIAL NUMBER 371 092.

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ENLISTED SERVICE RECORD FAILED TO INDICATE FOREIGN DUTY, AND NO AWARDS OR DECORATIONS NOTED. PERFORMANCE RATED AS "VERY GOOD", AND THERE WAS NO RECORD OF COURT-MARTIAL OR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH LISTED AS 9/21/23, BIG STONE GAP, VA.

ALEXANDRIA, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, REVIEW OFFICER SERVICE FILE.

UACB, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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7:44PM NITEL 1/16/74 VLC

TO DIRECTOR

RICHMOND (161-1482)

FROM NORFOLK (161-580) (RUC) 1P

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPIN, BUDED: 1/17/74, WITHOUT FAIL

RE WFO TELETYPE TO RICHMOND, 1/15/74; RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/16/74.

ON 1/16/74, MRS. (FNU) ERB, SECRETARY TO CONGRESSMAN ROBERT N. DANIELS, JR., FOURTH DISTRICT, PORTSMOUTH, VA., ADVISED CONGRESSMAN DANIELS HAS LEFT THE NORFOLK AREA HAVING BEEN HERE FOR A BRIEF TIME WITH THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. SHE ADVISED CONGRESSMAN DANIELS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWELVE NOON ON MONDAY, 1/21/74, WHEN HE RETURNS TO HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. MRS. ERB ADDED DANIELS MAY STOP AT HIS RESIDENCE AT [redacted] EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D. C. AND COULD POSSIBLY BE CONTACTED THERE.

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RICHMOND AT [redacted] WILL INTERVIEW CONGRESSMAN DANIELS REGARDING HOLTON.

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TO: BUREAU

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FROM: RICHMOND (161-1482) -P- 1P

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON,JR., SPIN,BUDED: 1-17-74, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO RICHMOND, 1-15-74, NO COPY TO NORFOLK.

INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED CONGRESSMAN ROBERT N.DANIELS, JR., FOURTH DISTRICT, CURRENTLY CARE OF PORTSMOUTH OFFICE AND SECRETARY, MRS.ERB, 804-441-6797. ATTENDING MEETINGS NORFOLK AREA,ETA HOME P.M., 1-17-74.

NORFOLK CONTACT RE HOLTON.

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.	SA JAMES J. TRACEY	rs

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE:

Richmond teletype to Newark, 1/11/74.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA JAMES J. TRACEY
Office: Newark, New Jersey
Date: January 16, 1973

Field Office File #: 161-2092
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Title: ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: United States Navy Mid-Shipman's School, Asbury Park, NJ, deactivated 1945, and all records pertaining thereto believed forwarded to Office of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. No arrest record for appointee at Asbury Park, NJ.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

On January 15, 1974, Sergeant ANTHONY SALERNO, Asbury Park, New Jersey Police Department, advised that he was employed by the combined Berkeley Carteret and Monterey Hotel, Asbury Park, New Jersey, immediately adjacent to each other during 1944, which were occupied by the United States Navy during World War II. He advised that a United States Navy Mid-Shipman's School was contained in this installation. He recalls it was deactivated and returned to the civilian owners in the fall of 1945. He also advised that to the best of his knowledge, he believes all records maintained here were shipped to the Office of Navy Personnel, Washington, D.C. He did not know the appointee. He knows of no one in the Asbury Park, New Jersey, area who would be knowledgeable of any information concerning this installation.

ARREST AND CREDIT

On January 15, 1973, the following representatives of

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the indicated agencies advised that their files contained no record of the appointee:

Captain THEODORE HOLIMON
Asbury Park, New Jersey Police Department

DAVID C. TUFTS
The Credit Bureau, Incorporated,
New Shrewsbury, New Jersey

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

EDUCATION - ON 1/15/74, FLONNIE SPARROW, CLERK, CENTRAL RECORDS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N.C., ADVISED ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., DOB 9/21/23, BIG STONE GAP, VA., HOME ADDRESS 945 WYANDOTTE AVE., BIG STONE GAP, VA., ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN JULY, 1943, IN NAVY V-12 TRANSFER PROGRAM MAJORING IN ECONOMICS. SPARROW ADVISED HOLTON ATTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY, 1944, RECEIVING A TOTAL OF SEVEN "A"S", FIVE "B'S" AND TWO "C'S" IN HIS COURSE WORK.

SPARROW INDICATED HOLTON WAS MAJORING IN ECONOMICS AND HAD FORMERLY ATTENDED WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

SPARROW SAID INFORMATION IN FILE INDICATES HOLTON'S FATHER IS ABNER L. HOLTON, PRESIDENT, INTERSTATE RAILROAD.

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HOME ADDRESS SAME AS ABOVE. SPARROW SAID SHE COULD LOCATE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER IN FILE REGARDING HOLTON AND SHE ADDED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE TIME HOLTON ATTENDED WAS SOME 31 YEARS AGO THERE WOULD BE NO ONE CURRENTLY ON THE FACULTY WHO WOULD RECALL HIM.

VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE FOR RELATIVES - ON 1/14/74, [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] CURRENTLY RESIDES [redacted] [redacted] HER HUSBAND IS EMPLOYED BY CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, RALEIGH, N.C., AND SHE IS [redacted] OF THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. THEY HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO [redacted] N. C., AND SEEM TO BE PEOPLE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION.

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CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION - ON 1/15/74, FLORA HOUCK, CHAPEL HILL, N.C., PD AND LYNN MANGUM, CHAPEL HILL, N.C., CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS WERE NEGATIVE WITH REGARD TO HOLTON.

ON 1/15/74, MISS JEANNIE OUTLAND, RECORDS SECTION, PD, RALEIGH, N.C.; MR. WILLARD PARKER, CITY - COUNTY BUREAU

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OF IDENTIFICATION, RALEIGH, N.C.; AND MISS PHYLLIS JOHNSON, b6 b7C

WAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURT, RALEIGH, N.C., ADVISED

THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS ARE NEGATIVE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE'S

[redacted] AND BROTHER - IN - LAW WILMONT C. JONES.

NO REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND 161-945 (RUC)

ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR., SPIN, BUDED 1/17/74.

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU, 1-11-74.

ON 1-16-74, MR. FRANCIS POLK, SECRETARY, NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, ROOM 800, TERMINAL TOWER, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, KNOWN TO N&W RAILWAY AS "C.V. HOLTON", HAS RESIDED AT 11849 CLIFTON BLVD., LAKEWOOD, OHIO, FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR.

ON 1-14-74, GERTRUDE BLISS, IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS BUREAU, CLEVELAND PD, ADVISED NO RECORD OF CHARLES VAN GORDER HOLTON.

ON 1-16-74, CADET DAVID ROSE, RECORDS SECTION, LAKEWOOD PD, ALSO ADVISED NO RECORD OF APPOINTEE'S BROTHER.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM RICHMOND (161-1482) (P)

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ABNER LINWOOD HOLTON, JR. SPIN. BUDED 1/17/74 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE RICHMOND NITEL TO BUREAU, 1/15/74.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

RE INTERVIEW OF J. LINDSAY ALMOND, 1/14/74, AS SET FORTH IN RICHMOND NITEL OF 1/14/74.

ALMOND IS CURRENTLY A RETIRED JUDGE OF THE U.S. COURT OF CLAIMS. ALMOND'S REFERENCE TO THE QUALITY OF HOLTON'S LEGAL ABILITY WAS BASED ON HIS OWN OPINION ONLY AND FROM HIS OWN OBSERVATIONS OF HOLTON. ALMOND COULD NOT FURNISH ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCES ON WHICH TO BASE THIS OPINION. ALMOND RELATED THAT IT WAS ALSO HIS SOLE OPINION THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA BAR WERE NOT IMPRESSED WITH HOLTON'S LEGAL ABILITY, BUT HE WOULD NOT NAME ANY INDIVIDUALS FROM

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WHOM HE HAD POSSIBLY OBTAINED INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON'S ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY. ALMOND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS NOT IN ANYWAY, IN VENTURING AN OPINION AS TO HOLTON'S ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY, IMPLYING ANY UNETHICAL ACTIVITY ON HOLTON'S PART.

EMPLOYMENT:

ON 1/16/74, HOLTON WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY AT HIS RESIDENCE, TELEPHONE 981-9314, ROANOKE, VA., AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING CLARIFYING INFORMATION REGARDING HIS ACTIVITIES FROM TIME OF GRADUATION FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, JUNE 1949, UNTIL JANUARY 1970, WHEN HE TOOK UP DUTIES AS GOVERNOR, VIRGINIA:

FROM APPROXIMATELY JUNE, 1949, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 9/1/49, HE RESIDED IN BIG STONE GAP, VA. WITH HIS MOTHER. IN SEPTEMBER, 1949, HE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAW FIRM OF (CHARLES EVENT) HUNTER (DECEASED) AND (CHARLES D.) FOX (III) IN ROANOKE, VA. HE BECAME A FULL PARTNER OF THIS FIRM ON 1/1/51, AND FIRM THEN KNOWN AS HUNTER, FOX AND

HOLTON. IN JANUARY, 1954, HE LEFT THE LATTER LAW FIRM AND JOINED WITH PERNELL EGGLESTON IN FORMING THE LAW FIRM OF EGGLESTON AND HOLTON IN ROANOKE. SOMETIME BETWEEN 1954 AND 1970, AND TO THE BEST OF HOLTON'S RECOLLECTION IN 1957, M. CALDWELL BUTLER AND ROBERT GLENN JOINED THE LAW FIRM, AND THE LAW FIRM WAS THEN KNOWN AS EGGLESTON, HOLTON, BUTLER AND GLENN, ROANOKE, VA. DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER, 1949 UNTIL JANUARY, 1970, HE PRACTICED LAW AND RESIDED IN ROANOKE, VA.

RELATIVES:

ON 1/15/74, WILFORD SUTHERLAND, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, [redacted] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MRS. ROLFE E. MORRIS, ALSO KNOWN TO HIM AS LOUISA MORRIS, FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS. SUTHERLAND STATED MRS. MORRIS HAS RESIDED DURING THE PAST [redacted] YEARS AT THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT [redacted] WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. HE STATED MRS. MORRIS IS A SCHOOL TEACHER AT ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION.

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ON 1/15/74, M. M. LONG, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, WISE COUNTY, WISE, VA., ADVISED THAT HOLTON'S MOTHER, EDITH VAN GORDER HOLTON, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT BIG STONE GAP, VA. AND HAS RESIDED THERE FOR AT LEAST THE PAST 30 YEARS. LONG COMMENTED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON AND MEMBERS OF HOLTON'S FAMILY SINCE 1940 AND KNOWS ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY TO ENJOY EXCELLENT REPUTATIONS AS OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY.

ACQUAINTANCES:

ON 1/14/74, DR. KENNETH D. WELLS, PRESIDENT, FREEDOM FOUNDATION OF VALLEY FORGE, HEATHSVILLE, VA., ADVISED HE IS ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NORTHUMBERLAND CO., VA. AND HAS KNOWN HOLTON PERSONALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS. HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF HOLTON, AND NOTHING HAS OCCURRED DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME OR HAS COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH HE FEELS WOULD REFLECT ADVERSELY ON HOLTON'S CHARACTER, MORALS OR LOYALTY AS A CITIZEN. DR. WELLS STATED HE FELT HOLTON WOULD DO WELL IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE

U.S. GOVERNMENT. DR. WELLS RECOMMENDED HOLTON.

ON 1/15/74, CARL CROASDALE, OWNER, CROASDALE OYSTER HOUSE, PALMER, VA., ADVISED HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN VIRGINIA AND HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1966. HE HAS WORKED WITH HOLTON ON MANY OCCASIONS IN POLITICS AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON.

ON 1/15/74, CHARLES ROWE, OWNER-EDITOR, "FREE LANCE STAR", A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE COLLEGE DAYS AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA., AND SINCE THAT TIME, AS WELL AS DURING HIS AND HOLTON'S COLLEGE DAYS, HOLTON HAS BEEN EXTREMELY INVOLVED IN POLITICS. HE HAS HAD OCCASION TO MEET WITH HOLTON ON VARIOUS MATTERS IN THE PAST AND HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR HOLTON. BASED ON WHAT HE, ROWE, KNOWS OF HOLTON PERSONALLY, HE WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON HIGHLY AS TO HOLTON'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND ASSOCIATES. HE FEELS HOLTON WOULD

DO WELL IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM.

ON 1/14/74, THE FOLLOWING-NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERVIEWED AT HEATHSVILLE, VA. AND ITS ENVIRONS, AND ALL STATED THEY HAVE KNOWN HOLTON ONLY SLIGHTLY. ALL ADVISED THEY FELT THAT HOLTON, HOWEVER, WOULD DO WELL IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND KNOW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM AND WOULD RECOMMEND:

SEDWICK HALE, SHERIFF, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY;

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY HENRY HATHAWAY, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY;

MR. ROBERT G. DEW, JR., REAL ESTATE AGENT, AND FORMER FBI AGENT, KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA; AND

SHERIFF GARLAND FORRESTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, VA.

ON 1-15-74, WALTER M. HATHAWAY, DIRECTOR, ROANOKE FINE ARTS CENTER, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED THAT HOLTON AND HOLTON'S WIFE WERE MEMBERS OF THE CENTER UNTIL 1968, AND WHILE A MEMBER, HOLTON SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE FINE ARTS CENTER FROM 1965 TO 1968. HATHAWAY STATED HOLTON PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN A HIGHLY SATISFACTORY MANNER, AND HE CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE HIGHLY REGARDED AND ENJOYING AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. HE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND RECOMMENDED.

ON 1-15-74, JOHN H. LOCKE, ATTORNEY, SHENANDOAH BUILDING, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AND HAS ALWAYS HELD HOLTON IN HIGH REGARD. LOCKE CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE A WELL-QUALIFIED ATTORNEY, A MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, KNOWLEDGEABLE, COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT. LOCKE STATED HOLTON ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN ROANOKE, AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1-15-74, JOHN D. COPENHAVER, ATTORNEY, COLONIAL-AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE 1949-1950 AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE AN "OUTSTANDING PERSON." COPENHAVER STATED HE FEELS HOLTON IS A HIGHLY-QUALIFIED LAWYER OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION,

BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY, AND THAT HOLTON HAS HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS. HE STATED HE HAS NO INFORMATION OF A DEROGATROY NATURE CONCERNING HOLTON AND WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERVIEWED ON 1-14-74 AT BRISTOL, VA., AND ALL ADVISED THEY HAVE KNOWN HOLTON FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME INDICATED BELOW AND CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE A VERY INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE PERSON OF UNQUESTIONABLE MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ADVISED THEY KNEW NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING HOLTON AND RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT WHERE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST ARE INVOLVED:

LEONARD HALL, ATTORNEY, BRISTOL, VA. - HAS KNOWN HOLTON 12-15 YEARS:

DAVID H. FRACKELTON, ATTORNEY AND U. S. MAGISTRATE, BRISTOL, VA. - HAS KNOWN HOLTON 10 YEARS;

DICK B. ROUSE, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, BRISTOL, VA. -

HAS KNOWN HOLTON 15 YEARS;

HERMAN H. GILES, VICE-PRESIDENT, BRISTOL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING CO. - HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE BOTH WERE CHILDREN, ATTENDED SCHOOL WITH HOLTON AND WAS MEMBER OF SAME BOY SCOUT TROOP WITH HOLTON IN BIG STONE GAP, VA.; AND

S. E. KINKEAD, JR., VICE-PRESIDENT, KINKEAD MACHINE CO. - HAS KNOWN HOLTON 8 YEARS.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE INTERVIEWED ON 1-15-74, AND ALL ADVISED THEY HAD KNOWN HOLTON ON A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME INDICATED AND REGARDED HOLTON AS A LOYAL AMERICAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATIONS. THEY ALL ADVISED THEY CONSIDER HOLTON TO BE A PERSON WHOSE INTEGRITY IS BEYOND REPROACH AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

WATKINS M. ABBITT, FORMER U. S. REPRESENTATIVE, APPOMATTOX, VA. - HAS KNOWN HOLTON 10 YEARS;

WILLIAM H. OVERBEY, ATTORNEY AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, RUSTBURG, VA.- HAS KNOWN HOLTON 15 YEARS; AND

LEIGHTON DODD, MAYOR, LYNCHBURG, VA.- HAS KNOWN HOLTON 3 YEARS.

ON 1-14-74, PHILIP H. HICKSON, REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY, LYNCHBURG, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR 18 YEARS ON BOTH A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL LEVEL AND HIGHLY REGARDS HOLTON AS A LOYAL CITIZEN WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND EXERCISES AN EXCELLENT CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES. HICKSON CONSIDERED HOLTON'S INTEGRITY TO BE ABOVE REPROACH, KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FOLLOWING NAMDED INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON THE DATES INDICATED AND ALL ADVISED THAT THEY HAD KNOWN HOLTON FOR A PERIOD OF FROM 1949 TO A FEW YEARS AND ALL STATED THAT THEY WERE EITHER PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH HOLTON. ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS RECOMMENDED HOLTON AS TO CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATIONS, AND ALL CONSIDERED HOLTON TO BE A COMPETENT ATTORNEY AND ADMININSTRATOR. NONE COULD FURNISH ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND ALL ADVISED THEY WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

DR. GRELLET C. SIMPSON, PRESIDENT, MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE FREDERICKSBURG, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-14-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR "MANY YEARS".

RAYMONF R. GUEST, POWHATAN FARM, KING GEORGE, VA., FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND, INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR "SEVERAL YEARS BOTH POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY".

BENJAMIN WOODBRIDGE, ATTORNEY, FREDERICKSBURG, VA., FORMER MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES, INTERVIEWED 1-14-74;

HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

RICHARD L. IRBY, MAJOR GENERAL RETIRED, SUPERINTENDENT OF VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (VMI), LEXINGTON, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HOLTON SINCE JULY, 1971, AS SUPERINTENDENT OF VMI.

F. GRIFFITH DODSON, JR., ATTORNEY, DODSON, PENCE, COULTER, VIAR, AND YOUNG, ROANOKE, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1947.

JOHN W. HANCOCK, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, ROANOKE ELECTRIC STEEL CO. AND JOHN W. HANCOCK, INC., BOTH ROANOKE, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS BEEN CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF HOLTON SINCE THE LATE 1940'S.

KENNETH ASBURY, ATTORNEY AND FORMER COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, WISE CO., WISE, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS.

SHELCY MULLINS, SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS.

JOSEPH SMIDDY, CHANCELLOR, CLINCH VALLEY COLLEGE, WISE, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON APPROXIMATELY 30

YEARS AND IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND.

JOSEPH KUCZKO, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, WISE CO., VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS.

CARROLL TATE, PUBLISHER, "COALFIELD PROGRESS" NEWSPAPER, NORTON, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS.

J. E. BODY, POSTMASTER, BIG STONE GAP, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON AND HOLTON'S FAMILY APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS.

DR. BROWNIE POLLY, JR., PHYSICIAN, BIG STONE GAP, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-15-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS.

HARRY MEADOW, VICE-PRESIDENT, WESTMORELAND COAL CO., BIG STONE GAP, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-16-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON AND MEMBERS OF HOLTON'S FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS.

JAMES CORNETT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FIRST NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK, APPALACHIA-BIG STONE GAP, VA., INTERVIEWED 1-16-74; HAS KNOWN HOLTON ONLY WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.

CHARLES A. BLANTON II, ATTORNEY, RICHMOND, VA., FORMER

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SECRETARY OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, INTERVIEWED 1/14/74, AND HE ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1954 AND ALTHOUGH NOT A CLOSE POLITICAL OR SOCIAL FRIEND OF HOLTON, HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH HOLTON PROFESSIONALLY AS AN ATTORNEY AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF HIGH PERSONAL CHARACTER AND CAPABLE OF PERFORMING HIS DUTIES IN AN EXCELLENT MANNER. BLANTON ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO PERSONAL PROBLEMS OR FAILINGS ON THE PART OF HOLTON WHICH MIGHT CAUSE EMBARASSMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH HE DID OBERSVE HOLTON DRINKING TO AN EXCESS AT AS A SOCIAL PARTY SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE HOLTON BECAME GOVERNOR. BLANTON CONTINUED BY STATING, HOWEVER, THAT HE STILL WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR ANY GOVERNMENT POSITION.

JUDGES

ON 1/14/74, H. EMORY WIDENER, U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, WAS INTERVIEWED AT ABINGDON, VA., AND ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS. JUDGE WIDENER CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF EXCELLENT MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS AND CONSIDERS HOLTON A LOYAL CITIZEN. JUDGE WIDENER CONSIDERS HOLTON, IN HIS OPINION, TO HAVE

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UNUSUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITIES, IS VERY CAPABLE, AND WELL LIKED. JUDGE WIDENER KNEW OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING HOLTON AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

ON 1/15/74, HARRY F. BYRD, JR., (INDEPENDENT), U.S. SENATOR,, STATE OF VIRGINIA, RESIDING WINCHESTER, VA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON PROFESSIONALLY (POLITICALLY) FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS BUT HAS BEEN MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HOLTON SINCE HOLTON BECAME GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. SENATOR BYRD RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO A RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT STATING HE HAD ALWAYS FOUND HOLTON TO BE HONEST, OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, TRUSTWORTHY, AND HE HAS NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO QUESTION HOLTON'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S.

J. KENNETH ROBINSON, U.S. CONGRESSMAN, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1/15/74 HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR "MANY YEARS" PRIOR TO HOLTON BECOMING GOVERNOR (JANUARY, 1970), HAVING INITIALLY MET HOLTON BECAUSE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS IN REPUBLICAN POLITICS. ROBINSON ADVISED HE HAS HAD NUMBEROUS

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CONTACTS AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON OVER THE YEARS AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A PERSON OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO THE U.S., THOROUGHLY SUITED IN TEMPERAMENT AND DISPOSITION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WOULD RECOMMEND.

ON 1/16/74, MAYOR ROY L. WEBBER, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED THAT,, ALTHOUGH HE AND HOLTON WERE OF OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTIES, HE HAD THE HIGHEST RESPECT AND REGARD FOR HOLTON AND CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE "FRIENDLY" INTELLIGENT, PROGRESSIVE, COOPERATIVE, AND CAPABLE. MAYOR WEBBER STATED HE WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT BECAUSE OF LACK OF EXPERIENCE AS TO HOLTON#'S ABILTIY AS AN ATTORNEY BUT KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON, CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A LOYAL CITIZEN, AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

ON 1/14/74, T.L. PLUNKETT, JR., ATTORNEY, SHENANDOAH BUILDING, ROANOKE, VA., PRESIDENT OF THE ROANOKE BAR ASSOCIATION, ADVISED HOLTON IS PRESENT LISTED AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THAT ASSOCIATION SINCE REGULATIONS REQUIRE LAW PRACTICE.

PLUNKETT STATED HOLTON WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA AND HOLTON HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION BOTH PERSONALLY AND AS AN ATTORNEY. PLUNKETT CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST AND ETHICAL AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON. PLUNKETT WOULD RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1/14/74, WILLIAM B. POFF, ATTORNEY, ROANOKE, VA., CHAIRMAN OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1959. POFF STATED HOLTON WAS A MEMBER (FORMER) OF THE COMMITTEE AND FORMERLY HELD A POSITION AS ROANOKE CITY CHAIRMAN. POFF CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A "TOP-FLIGHT ATTORNEY", HIGHLY REGARDED BY MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BAR AND BENCH, AND HE CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. POFF KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

WERNER MUENCH, MANAGER, COMMONWEALTH CLUB, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED ON 1/14/74, THAT HOLTON WAS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THAT CLUB WHICH IS AN EXCLUSIVE MEN' S CLUB IN RICHMOND. MUENCH ADVISED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA IS ALWAYS CONSIDERED AN

HONORARY MEMBER OF THAT CLUB AND HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON SINCE JUNE, 1973, WHEN HE, MUENCH, ASSUMED THE MANAGERIAL DUTIES OF THIS CLUB. MUENCH CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A MAN OF HONESTY, INTEDRITY, AND GOOD CHARACTER, WHO HAS ALWAYS CONDUCTED HIMSELF AS A GENTLEMAN WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CLUB. MUECH ADVISED THAT HOLTON SELDOM CAME TO THE CLUB AND THAT HE NEVER SAW HOLTON PARTAKE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AN EXCESS. MUENCH ALSO STATED NO INFORMATION HAD EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION INDICATING THAT HOLTON DRANK EXCESSIVELY AND FELT THAT HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED SUCH INFORMATION FROM OTHER EMPLOYEES WERE THIS TO OCCUR.

C.E. LEFTWICH, MANAGER, DOWNTOWN CLUB, ROSS BUILDING, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED ON 1/14/74 THAT HOLTON HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE DOWNTOWN CLUB, A BUSINESSMEN'S CLUB, FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS, AND DURING THE FOUR YEARS PAST, HOLTON HAS BEEN AS HONORARY MEMBER IN VIEW OF HIS POSITION AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. LEFTWICH CONSIDERS HOLTON TO BE A MAN OF HIGH INTEGRITY, GOOD CHARACTER, AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. LEFTWICH NOTED THAT HE HAD NEVER OBSERVED HOLTON INTOXICATED AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE HOLTON USUALLY

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HAD ONLY ONE DRINK EACH TIME HE CAME TO THE CLUB AT WHICH TIME HOLTON ALWAYS CONDUCTED HIMSELF AS A GENTLEMAN.

ON 1/15/74, INEZ GILLENWATER, SECRETARY TO PETER C. MANSON, SECRETARY- TREASURER, VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION, ADVISED HOLTON HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THAT ASSOCIATION SINCE 1952.

MISCELLANEOUS

MAJOR ANTHONY P. TUCKER, JR., CHIEF OF CAPITOL POLICE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED ON 1/14/74, HE HAS KNOWN HOLTON FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 1/2 YEARS AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HOLTON OR CONCERNING ANY MEMBER OF HOLTON'S FAMILY. MAJOR TUCKER STATED THAT BASED ON HIS LIMITED ASSOCIATION WITH HOLTON, HE KNEW OF NO REASON WHATEVER WHY HE COULD NOT RECOMMEND HOLTON FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ON 1/14/74, VIRGINIA ROSEMOND, DATA CONTROL SECTION, VIRGINIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, THIRD AND CANAL STS., RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, MADE AVAILABLE THE 9/65 EDITION OF "VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF EDUCATION" WHICH, UPON EXAMINATION, REVEALED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "CANDIDATES' VIEWS ON EDUCATION". THIS ARTICLE, AUTHORED BY HOLTON, PLEDGES TO INCLUDE IN HIS FIRST BUDGET (IF ELECTED GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA) A PROVISION FOR RAISING

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THE AVERAGE SALARIES OF VIRGINIA TEACHERS TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE ARTICLE STATES HOLTON WAS EMBARRASSED WITH THE RANKING OF VIRGINIA TEACHERS AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AS WELL AS WITH THE INADEQUATE PAST PERFORMANCE OF VIRGINIA'S GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HOLTON CALLED FOR DRAMATIC PROGRESS IN EVERY AREA OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN VIRGINIA, WHICH HE CONTENDED CULD BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY IF VIRGINIA'S GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCED A DRAMATIC POLITICAL CHANGE.

AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER, 1969, EDITION OF THE "VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF EDUCATION" REVEALS AN ARTICLE AUTHORED BY HOLTON ENTITLED ,"STATEMENT BY LINWOOD HOLTON, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR - 'STEPS TO EXCELLENCE ' ". THIS ARTICLE REVEALS THAT ACCORDING TO HOLTIN, EXTREME PRESSURE HAS BEEN PLACED ON HIS PLATFORM TO RAISE VIRGINIA'S STANDARDS TO THOSE OF THE NATION AND HE FELT THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM COULD BE

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ACCOMPLISHED BY INSTITUTING FREE PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN AND VARIOUS OTHER PROGRAMS TO BE ENACTED IF HE BECAME GOVERNOR.

ON 1/16/74, MRS. MARGARET GARRETT, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, RICHMOND NEWSPAPERS, INC., RICHMOND, VA., FURNISHED ALL RICHMOND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND RECORDS OF THAT NEWSPAPER MORGUE PERTAINING TO HOLTON. ON REVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NONE OF THESE ARTICLES WERE OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING HOLTON IN REGARD TO CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ABILITY OR LOYALTY AS A CITIUZEN.

ON 1/16/74, THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE "ROANOKE WORLD NEWS" AND THE "ROANOKE TIMES", BOTH DAILY NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, WERE REVIEWED IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONERNING HOLTON, AS TO CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ABILITY AND LOYALTY AS A CITIZEN AND NO SUCH DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN THESE LIBRARIES.

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